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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re Application of

Toshihiro OOISHI, et al.

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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING GLASS PARTICLES DEPOSIT

Group Art Unit: 1731

Examiner: DERRINGTON, James H.

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The Following Amendments and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office

Action dated December 17, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 10, and 13 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of producing glass particles deposit, said method comprising:

disposing a plurality of glass particle synthesizing burners opposite to a rotating starting rod;

relatively reciprocally moving said starting rod and said glass particle synthesizing burners in parallel to an axial direction of said starting rod, wherein said starting rod and said glass particle synthesizing burners are reciprocally moved between at least two turn-back positions;